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Germany	8	9.09
Japan	8	9.09
Latvia	8	9.09
Brazil	5	5.68
Mexico	5	5.68
Ecuador	3	3.41
Egypt	3	3.41
Taiwan	3	3.41
Austria	2	2.27
Canada	2	2.27
Poland	2	2.27
Belgium	1	1.14
China	1	1.14
Colombia	1	1.14
Costa Rica	1	1.14
Croatia	1	1.14
Czech Republic	1	1.14
Iraq	1	1.14
Italy	1	1.14
Norway	1	1.14
Pakistan	1	1.14
Paraguay	1	1.14
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Foreword

Our purpose in the 23rd World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (WMSCI 2019) is to provide, in these increasingly related areas, a ***multi-disciplinary forum, to foster interdisciplinary communication*** among the participants, and to support the sharing process of diverse perspectives of the same trans-disciplinary concepts and principles.

Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (SCI) are increasingly being related to each other in almost every scientific discipline and human activity. Their common trans-disciplinarity characterizes and communicates them, generating strong relations among them and with other disciplines. They work together to create a whole new way of thinking and practice. This phenomenon persuaded the Organizing Committee to structure WMSCI 2019 as a multi-conference where participants may focus on one area, or on one discipline, while allowing them the possibility of attending conferences from other areas or disciplines. This systemic approach stimulates cross-fertilization among different disciplines, inspiring scholars, originating new hypothesis, supporting production of innovations and generating analogies; which is, after all, one of the very basic principles of the systems' movement and a fundamental aim in cybernetics.

WMSCI 2019 was organized and sponsored by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics (IIS, www.iis.org), member of the International Federation of Systems Research (IFSR). The IIS is a ***multi-disciplinary organization for inter-disciplinary communication and integration***, which includes about 5,000 members. Consequently, a main purpose of the IIS is to foster knowledge integration processes, interdisciplinary communication, and integration of academic activities. Based on 1) the transdisciplinarity of the systemic approach, along with its essential characteristic of emphasizing *relationships* and *integrating* processes, and 2) the multi-disciplinary support of cybernetics' and informatics' concepts, notions, theories, technologies, and tools, the IIS has been organizing multi-disciplinary conferences as a platform for fostering inter-disciplinary communication and knowledge integration processes.

Multi-disciplinary conferences are organized by the IIS as support for ***both intra- and inter-disciplinary*** communication. Processes of intra-disciplinary communication are mainly achieved via traditional paper presentations in corresponding disciplines, while conversational sessions, regarding trans- and inter-disciplinary topics, are among the means used for inter-disciplinary communication. Intra- and inter-disciplinary communications might generate *co-regulative cybernetic loops*, via negative feedback, and *synergic* relationships, via positive feedback loops, in which both kinds of communications could increase their respective effectiveness. Figure 1 shows at least two cybernetic loops if intra- and inter-disciplinary are adequately related. A necessary condition for the effectiveness of Inter-disciplinary communication is an adequate level of **variety** regarding the participating disciplines. *Analogical thinking and learning processes* of disciplinarians depend on it; which in turn are potential sources of the creative tension required for cross-fertilization

among disciplines and the generations of new hypotheses. An extended presentation regarding this issue can be found at www.iis.org/MainPurpose.

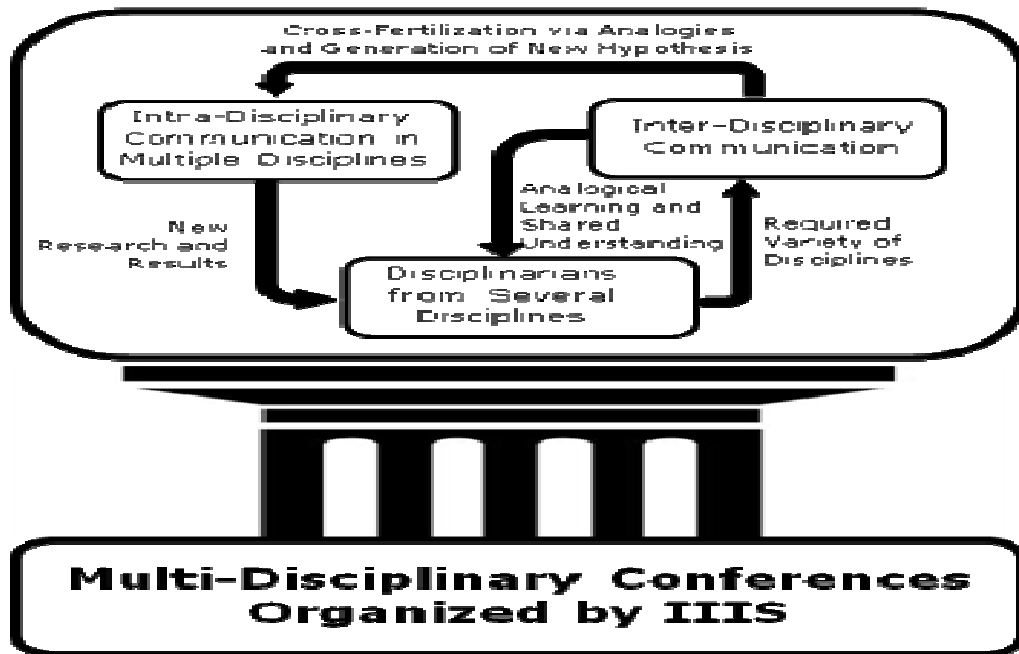


Figure 1

In the specific case of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (SCI), the IIS is an organization dedicated to contribute to the development of the Systems Approach, Cybernetics, and Informatics potential, using both: knowledge and experience, thinking and action, theory and practice, for:

- a) The identification of synergistic relationships among Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics, and between them and society.
- b) The promotion of contacts among the different academic areas, through the transdisciplinarity of the systems approach.
- c) The identification and implementation of communication channels among the different professions.
- d) The supply of communication links between the academic and professional worlds, as well as between them and the business world, both public and private, political and cultural.
- e) The stimulus for the creation of integrative arrangements at different levels of society, as well as at the family and personal levels.
- f) The promotion of trans-disciplinary research, both on theoretical issues and on applications to concrete problems.

These IIS objectives have oriented the organizational efforts of yearly WMSCI/ISAS/IMSCI/CISCI conferences since 1995.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I extend our heartfelt thanks to:

1. The 456 members of the different Program Committees, from 56 countries (including the PC members of the events organized in its context and jointly with WMSCI 2019). Almost all the members of the Program Committee are ***authors or co-authors sessions' best papers in previous conferences***, i.e. papers selected by the respective audience as the best paper of the session in which they were presented.
2. The 748 additional reviewers, from 83 countries, for their ***double-blind peer reviews***; and
3. The 232 reviewers, from 46 countries, for their efforts in making the ***non-blind peer reviews***. (Some reviewers supported both: non-blind and double-blind reviewing for different submissions).

The names and affiliation of both kinds of reviewers are listed in these proceedings. We extend our gratefulness to all of them. The scholarly quality of the authors and the reviewers is what define the quality of the conference and its respective proceedings. Consequently, our gratitude is to the members of the programs' committees, both kinds of reviewers and the collaborating authors.

A total of 1537 reviews made by 980 reviewers, from 86 countries, (who made at least one review) contributed to the quality achieved in WMSCI 2019. This means an average of 8.49 reviews per submission (181 submissions were received). ***Each registered author had access, via the conference web site, to the reviews that recommended the acceptance of their respective submissions.*** Each registered author could also get information about: 1) the average of the reviewers' evaluations according to 8 criteria, and the average of a global evaluation of his/her submission; and 2) the comments and the constructive feedback made by the reviewers, who recommended the acceptance of his/her submission, so the author would be able to improve the final version of the paper.

In the organizational process of WMSCI 2019, about 181 articles were submitted. These pre-conference proceedings include about 88 papers that were accepted for presentation from 30 countries (41 countries taking into account the presentations in collocated events). I extend our thanks to the invited sessions' organizers for collecting, reviewing, and selecting the papers that will be presented in their respective sessions. The submissions were reviewed as carefully as time permitted; it is expected that most of them will appear in a more polished and complete form in scientific journals. This information about WMSCI 2019 is summarized in the following table, along with the other collocated events:

Conference	# of submissions received	# of reviewers that made at least one review	# of reviews made	Average of reviews per reviewer	Average of reviews per submission	# of papers included in the proceedings	% of submissions included in the proceedings
WMSCI 2019	181	980	1537	1.57	8.49	88	48.62%
IMSCI 2019	88	439	974	2.22	11.07	41	46.59%
WMSCI & IMSCI	269	1419	2511	1.77	9.33	129	47.96%
CISCI 2019	118	572	1205	2.11	10.21	65	55.08%
TOTAL	387	1991	3716	1.87	9.60	194	50.13%

All submissions were peer reviewed by the two-tier reviewing methodology of the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics (IIIS, www.iiis.org). As it might be noticed, from the table above, **9.6 reviews were made, in average, for each submission we received**. After the conference is over, the names of the reviewers will be published on the IIIS web site along with the titles of the papers each reviewer reviewed. This means that what had been a double-blind review, up to the conference, is transformed to single-blind review, after the conference is over. In this way, each author would have information about the names of the reviewers of his/her submission, but not vice-versa. Likewise, each author would know how many reviewers reviewed his/her submission and relate it to the average, being informed in the above table, of 9.6 reviews per paper.

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